

# St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Digital Bulletin

# Join us at 8:15 a.m. on March 28<sup>th</sup> for the Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

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We encourage you to send in prayer requests online. We humbly ask that you continue lighting candles and tray donations as you normally would when coming to Church. If you would like the Church to light a candle for you for this service so that Fr. Dimitri can read the names of your loved ones at the Holy Altar, please click on the image below:



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Sunday, March 28, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
- ◇ Hilarion the New
- ◇ Herodion the Apostle of the 70
- ◇ Stephen the Wonderworker

Now Matthew indeed saith, that "they brought him," but the others, that they also broke up the roof, and let him down. And they put the sick man before Christ, saying nothing, but committing the whole to Him. For though in the beginning He Himself went about, and did not require so much faith of them that came unto Him; yet in this case they both approached Him, and had faith required on their part. For, "Seeing," it is said, "their faith;" that is, the faith of them that had let the man down.

**St. John Chrysostom**

**Homily 29 on Matthew 9, 1. B#54, pp. 195, 196, 4th Century**

*Homily 21 on John 1, 1. B#58, pp. 72, 73, 4th Century*

**Narthex Duty:**

**Welcoming Ministry:** NA during Covid

**Orthros Reader:** NA during Covid

**Memorial:**

## Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



## Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

This divine Father, who was from Asia Minor, was from childhood reared in the royal court of Constantinople, where he was instructed in both religious and secular wisdom. Later, while still a youth, he left the imperial court and struggled in asceticism on Mount Athos, and in the Skete at Beroea. He spent some time in Thessalonica being treated for an illness that came from his harsh manner of life. He was present in Constantinople at the Council that was convened in 1341 against Barlaam of Calabria, and at the

Council of 1347 against Acindynus, who was of like mind with Barlaam; Barlaam and Acindynus claimed that the grace of God is created. At both these Councils, the Saint contended courageously for the true dogmas of the Church of Christ, teaching in particular that divine grace is not created, but is the uncreated energies of God which are poured forth throughout creation: otherwise it would be impossible, if grace were created, for man to have genuine communion with the uncreated God. In 1347 he was appointed Metropolitan of Thessalonica. He tended his flock in an apostolic manner for some twelve years, and wrote many books and treatises on the most exalted doctrines of our Faith; and having lived for a total of sixty-three years, he reposed in the Lord in 1359.

His holy relics are kept in the Cathedral of Thessalonica. A full service was composed for his feast day by the Patriarch Philotheus in 1368, when it was established that his feast be celebrated on this day. Since works without right faith avail nothing, we set Orthodoxy of faith as the foundation of all that we accomplish during the Fast, by celebrating the Triumph of Orthodoxy the Sunday before, and the great defender of the teachings of the holy Fathers today.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?  
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.  
6:30 AM

## March

**Fridays During Great Lent:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil  
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are  
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

# Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone by the Judeans and Your most sacred body, O Savior, was guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Christ, and gave life to all the world. Wherefore all the heavenly Powers proclaimed that You are the Giver of Life. Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your Dispensation, O You, who alone love mankind.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος α'

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτὴρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόανθρωπε.

## Apolytikion for Sun. of St. Gregory Palamas

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

Light of Orthodoxy, pillar and teacher of the Church, adornment of monastics, invincible champion of theologians, O Gregory thou wonderworker, boast of Thessalonica, herald of grace: ever pray that our souls be saved.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Ὁρθοδοξίας ὁ φωστὴρ, Ἐκκλησίας τὸ στήριγμα καὶ διδάσκαλε, τῶν μοναστῶν ἡ καλλονή, τῶν θεολόγων ὑπέρμαχος ἀπροσμάχητος· Γρηγόριε θαυματουργέ Θεσσαλονίκης τὸ καύχημα κήρυξ τῆς χάριτος· ἰκέτευε διὰ παντός, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

## Apolytikion for the Church

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Kontakion

Plagal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tone

- O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you
- Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude,
- Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos.
- Inasmuch as you have power unassailable,
- From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you
- I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

## Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

- Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια,
- ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια,
- ἀναγράφω σοὶ ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε,
- Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον,
- ἐκ παντοίων μὲ κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἦ
- να κράζω σοί, Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.





## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 1:10-14, 2:1-3 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

"IN THE BEGINNING, Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?

Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Κατ' ἀρχάς, Κύριε, τὴν γῆν ἐθεμελίωσας, καὶ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν σου εἰσιν οἱ οὐρανοί· αὐτοὶ ἀπολοῦνται, σὺ δὲ διαμένεις· καὶ πάντες ὡς ἱμάτιον παλαιωθήσονται, καὶ ὥσει περιβόλαιον ἐλίξεις αὐτούς, καὶ ἀλλαγῇσονται· σὺ δὲ ὁ αὐτὸς εἶ, καὶ τὰ ἔτη σου οὐκ ἐκλείψουσιν. Πρὸς τίνα δὲ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἴρηκέν ποτε, Κάθου ἐκ δεξιῶν μου, ἕως ἂν θῶ τοὺς ἐχθρούς σου ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σου; Οὐχὶ πάντες εἰσιν λειτουργικὰ πνεύματα, εἰς διακονίαν ἀποστελλόμενα διὰ τοὺς μέλλοντας κληρονομεῖν σωτηρίαν; Διὰ τοῦτο δεῖ περισσοτέρως ἡμᾶς προσέχειν τοῖς ἀκουσθεῖσιν, μήποτε παραρρυῶμεν. Εἰ γὰρ ὁ δι' ἀγγέλων λαληθεὶς λόγος ἐγένετο βέβαιος, καὶ πᾶσα παράβασις καὶ παρακοὴ ἔλαβεν ἔνδικον μισθαποδοσίαν, πῶς ἡμεῖς ἐκφευξόμεθα τηλικαύτης ἀμελήσαντες σωτηρίας; Ὅτις, ἀρχὴν λαβοῦσα λαλεῖσθαι διὰ τοῦ κυρίου, ὑπὸ τῶν ἀκουσάντων εἰς ἡμᾶς ἐβεβαιώθη.



## ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 2:1-12  
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσῆλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Καπερναοὺμ δι' ἡμερῶν καὶ ἠκούσθη ὅτι εἰς οἶκόν ἐστι. καὶ εὐθέως συνήχθησαν πολλοί, ὥστε μηκέτι χωρεῖν μηδὲ τὰ πρὸς τὴν θύραν· καὶ ἐλάλει αὐτοῖς τὸν λόγον. καὶ ἔρχονται πρὸς αὐτὸν παραλυτικὸν φέροντες, αἰρόμενον ὑπὸ τεσσάρων· καὶ μὴ δυνάμενοι προσεγγίσει αὐτῷ διὰ τὸν ὄχλον, ἀπεστέγασαν τὴν στέγην ὅπου ἦν, καὶ ἐξορύξαντες χαλῶσι τὸν κράβατον, ἐφ' ᾧ ὁ παραλυτικὸς κατέκειτο. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· τέκνον, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι σου. ἦσαν δὲ τινες τῶν γραμματέων ἐκεῖ καθήμενοι καὶ διαλογιζόμενοι ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν· τί οὗτος οὕτω λαλεῖ βλασφημίας; τίς δύναται ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός; καὶ εὐθέως ἐπιγνοὺς ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῷ πνεύματι αὐτοῦ ὅτι οὕτως αὐτοὶ διαλογίζονται ἐν ἑαυτοῖς, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί ταῦτα διαλογίζεσθε ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί ἐστὶν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν τῷ παραλυτικῷ, ἀφέωνταί σου αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἔγειρε καὶ ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῇτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀφιέναι ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἁμαρτίας - λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· σοὶ λέγω, ἔγειρε καὶ ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ ὑπάγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἠγέρθη εὐθέως, καὶ ἄρας τὸν κράβατον ἐξῆλθεν ἐναντίον πάντων, ὥστε ἐξίστασθαι πάντας καὶ δοξάζειν τὸν Θεὸν λέγοντας ὅτι οὐδέποτε οὕτως εἶδομεν.

The Gospel According to  
Mark 2:1-12

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

# DONATIONS for GREAT LENT & PASCHAL SEASON 2021

## GREAT LENT:

Flowers for Icon of the Panagia on Fridays

1<sup>st</sup> Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

2<sup>nd</sup> Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

3<sup>rd</sup> Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

4<sup>th</sup> Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

Akathist Hymn/Ακάθιστος Ύμνος - *donated*

- ♦ **Flowers for Stavroproskiniseos (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) - \$300**
- ♦ Bottles or Cases of Nama Wine
- ♦ Incense for Great Lent - *donated*
- ♦ **Flowers for Icon of Palm Sunday - \$50**
- ♦ Palms & Daphne for Palm Sunday - *donated*



## HOLY WEEK:

- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Nymphios —*donated*
- ♦ **Extra Virgin Olive Oil for Holy Unction**
- ♦ **Flour for Holy Unction**
- ♦ Seven Candles for Holy Unction—*donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Mystical Supper - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Crucifixion - *donated*
- ♦ **Candles for the Holy Cross – \$50**
- ♦ **12 Candles for the Twelve Holy Gospels - \$80**
- ♦ Stefani-Stavromenon (Flowered Wreath) Holy Thursday - *donated*
- ♦ **White Sheet for Body of Christ - 1 queen flat needed**
- ♦ Flowers for Decorating the Epitafios - *donated*
- ♦ Epitafios Roses for the Faithful - *donated*
- ♦ Rose Water & Rose Petals Holy Friday - *donated*
- ♦ Rose Petals for Holy Saturday Morning - *donated*
- ♦ **Clergy Resurrection/Anastasi Candle – \$250**
- ♦ Flowers for Icons of the Resurrection —*donated*

## GREAT & HOLY PASCHA (5.02.21):

- ♦ **Paschal Easter Lilies for Anastasi – \$25 each (19 needed)—1 *donated thus far***
- ♦ Eggs for Holy Pascha —*donated*
- ♦ Tulle & Ribbon for Paschal Eggs —*donated*

*Note: Please specify exact item with your donation. THANK YOU for your love & support! Βοήθειά σας!*

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# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2021

*Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)*

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
2nd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 28th</b>		<b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 4th</b>		<b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 11th</b>		<b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 18th</b>		<b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 25th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS		..... <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>APRIL 30th</b>		<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>MAY 2nd</b> NO FASTING!		..... <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



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Drawing on Palm Sunday, April 25  
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Orthodox Christian  
**PRISON MINISTRY**

2021 St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Lenten Lecture

April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)



**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Paul Martin**

Pastor of the Annunciation-St. Paraskeve  
Greek Orthodox Church, New Buffalo, MI

## Reflections on Prison Ministry as a volunteer Chaplain and an Ortho- dox Priest at the Indiana State Prison

[Watch on YouTube](#)

Since 2006, Fr. Paul has been serving as Volunteer Chaplain to the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black at Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, IN.





# Metropolis Outreach



## CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

## WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats

## DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.
- Canned Vegetables – 2 cans
- Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans
- Peanut Butter – 16 oz.
- Fruit Jam – 18 oz.
- Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.
- Cooking Oil – 24 oz.
- Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack
- Canned Soup/Chili – optional
- Powdered Milk - optional

## COVID KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Mask + Latex Gloves
- Mini Hand Sanitizer
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Tissues
- Feminine Products



**HOPE**  
Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

**Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church on Sundays from 9am –12pm.**

**This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project**

## Parish Outreach



Ladies Philoptochos requests donations of breakfast foods for the benefit of Chicago's Lakeview Pantry's clients - cold or hot cereal any flavor, cereal bars, shelf-stable juice. Please bring items to the Church no later than Palm Sunday, April 25. The economic downturn due to the pandemic has forced many people to turn to Lakeview Pantry who never imagined they would need help feeding their families. Thank you for generously supporting our Lakeview Pantry food drives for more than ten years.



## Holy Week—Volunteers Needed

### CALLING ALL YOUNG LADIES

We need myrofores (myrrh bearing women) for Holy Friday Night

Please wear a white dress and see Jennifer Georgopouls if you are interested in participating. We will be socially distancing.



### CALLING ALL STRONG ARMS

We need volunteers to carry the Kouvouklion around the church on the evening of Holy Friday. Please participate in the honor of carrying the bier of our Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>S</sup> Please See Tony Frankos if you are interested in participating. We will be socially distancing.



### CALLING ALL FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS

We need volunteers to read the Gospel in foreign languages during the Agape Vespers on Easter Sunday, May 2. Looking for a variety of languages...some examples below:

Spanish—Italian—Chinese—Tigrina  
Latin—Russian—Romanian—Swahili  
German—Arabic—Oromo—English  
French—Japanese—Amharic, and other  
languages welcome



Please contact Father Dimitri if you are interested in participating in this wonderful service.

## Holy Week — Liturgical Schedule



### **Saturday, April 24**

Saturday of Lazarus  
Orthros 8:30 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.



### **Thursday, April 29**

Mystical Supper Liturgy  
Vespers Liturgy 6:30 a.m.  
The Passion Service  
Orthros 7:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, April 25**

Palm Sunday  
Orthros 8:15 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.  
Holy Monday Orthros  
(Bridegroom Service)  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



### **Friday, April 30**

The Royal Hours  
Hours Service 9:00 a.m.  
The Apokatheilosis  
(Removal from the Cross)  
Vespers 3:00 p.m.  
The Lamentations  
Orthros 7:00 p.m.



### **Monday, April 26**

Holy Tuesday Orthros  
(Bridegroom Service)  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



### **Tuesday, April 27**

Holy Tuesday Orthros  
(Bridegroom Service)  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



### **Saturday, May 1**

The Protianastasi  
(Little Resurrection)  
Vespers Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
The Orthros of the Resurrection  
Orthros 11:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, May 2**

The Resurrection  
Come Receive the Light 12:00 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 12:30 a.m.  
The Agape Vespers 12:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, April 28**

Uction Ευχέλιον Service  
Uction 2:30 p.m.  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Thursday Orthros  
(with Uction)  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.





Please join our  
**Philoptochos  
Blood Drive**



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**Blood Donors Are Needed!**

**Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society**

is collaborating with

**Saint George of Chicago Philoptochos Society**

to host a Blood Drive at **St. George.**

Each donation helps save 3 people in medical necessity.

Vitalant Blood Bank requires 40 donors prior to scheduling this event. It is imperative that we meet the minimum required number of donors to make this event happen.

Please contact Dorothy Theodosis at 773-961-5732 or email her at [dot64@rcn.com](mailto:dot64@rcn.com).





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To Sign Up to attend Divine Services  
**Reserve Your Spot Today!**

If a family member is unable to use Signup Genius, please call the Church Office and Vicky will help sign that individual up.

# *Lenten Services*



## GREAT COMPLINE

Mondays: 6:00 p.m.

March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12



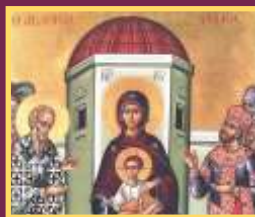
## LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

March 17, 31 & April 7, 14

Fridays 6:30 a.m.

March 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16



## SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS (THE AKATHIST HYMN)

Fridays 6:00 p.m.

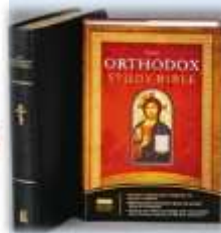
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# ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



**St. Basil**  
**Greek Orthodox Church**  
**of Chicago, Illinois**

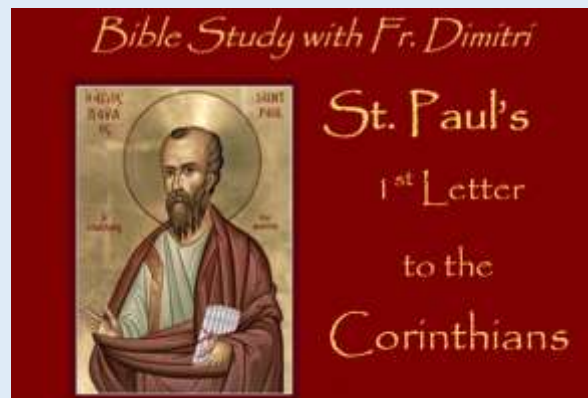


**When:** Tuesday Mornings –  
10:00 am – 11:00 am

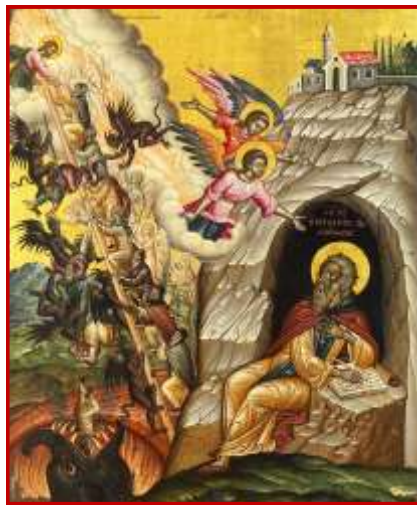
**Where:** ONLINE VIA



Participate in a Zoom Meeting Watch on Facebook Live and ask



St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church



Online  
Adult Religious Education

## The Ladder of Divine Ascent

Acquire the Heavenly Virtues and love God more fully

*November 11 - April 14*

Join us online each week

**Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Zoom Classroom

<https://zoom.us/j/97901297537>

Meeting ID: 979 0129 7537

Read the Text Online by [Clicking this Link](#)

# Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

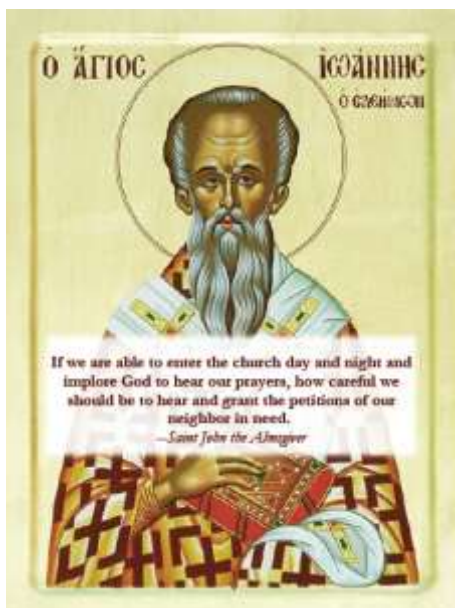
- **Sunday, March 28, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas**
- Monday, March 29, 6:00pm - Great Compline
- Tuesday, March 30, 10:00am - Bible Study
- Wednesday, March 31, 5:30pm - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
- Wednesday, March 31, 6:30pm - Online Adult Religious Education Class
- Thursday, March 25, 6:30am - Early Morning Liturgy for The Annunciation
- Friday, April 1, 6:30am - Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
- Friday, April 2, 6:00pm - Salutations to Theotokos
- Saturday April 3, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Third Saturday of Lent
- **Sunday, April 4, 8:15am - Orthros & Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Holy Cross**
- Monday, April 5, 6:00pm - Great Compline
- Monday, April 5, 9:00pm - Parish Council
- Tuesday, April 6, 10:00am - Bible Study
- Wednesday, April 7, 5:30pm - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

## Parish News and Events

### St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



### We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter [stbasilchicago@comcast.net](mailto:stbasilchicago@comcast.net) into your email contacts list. Thanks!

**Books for Prisoners** - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

### Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

**IMPORTANT:** Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

## St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas	<b>29</b> 6:00 pm Great Compline	<b>30</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>31</b> 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre- Sanctified Gifts 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm Salutations to Theotokos	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Third Saturday of Lent
<b>4</b> 8:15 am Easter Sunday Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Holy Cross	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Easter Monday Great Compline 7:00 pm Parish Council	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>7</b> 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre- Sanctified Gifts 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm Salutations to Theotokos	<b>10</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fourth Saturday of Lent
<b>11</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. John Climacus	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm Great Compline	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre- Sanctified Gifts 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	<b>15</b> Tax Day	<b>16</b> 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm The Akathist Hymn	<b>17</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fifth Saturday of Lent: The Akathist Hymn
<b>18</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>24</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
<b>25</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday 6:00 pm Holy Sunday Night - Orthros of Holy Monday Bridegroom Service Sunday Night	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm Holy Monday Night - Orthros of Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service Monday Night	<b>27</b> 6:00 pm Holy Tuesday Night - Orthros of Holy Wednesday Bridegroom Service Tuesday Night with Hymn of St. Kassiani	<b>28</b> 3:00 pm Holy Unction Holy Wednesday Night - Orthros of Holy Thursday	<b>29</b> 6:30 am Vespers Liturgy of the Mystical Supper Holy Thursday Night - Orthros of Holy Friday - The Passion Reading of the 12 Gospel	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Royal Hours of Holy Friday Vespers of Holy Friday The Unnailing Holy Friday Night - Orthros of Holy Saturday - The Lamentations	<b>1</b> 9:00 am Vespers Liturgy of the Proti-Anastasi Service of Preparation Come Receive the Light!

## Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



**For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:**

Please donate food for the needy.

**I was a stranger, and you took me in:**

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

**Naked, and you clothed me:**

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

**I was sick, and you visited me:**

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: Nicholas, Anthony, Aphrodite

**I was in prison, and you came unto me:**

**Please pray for:** Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

### VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses  
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil  
107 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged  
\$170,809.00

Dollar Amount Collected  
\$71,435.00

Average Pledge  
\$1611.41

**Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil  
**73 out of 106 (67.92%)**



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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To follow along during Orthros, Liturgy, Vespers, and Holy Week Services right on your smart device